Million Wells Schemes

445. DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR:
SHRI V.RAJESHWAR RAO:

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) How many wells were constructed in the Viderbha Region of Maharashtra (district-wise) and Telangana region of Andhra Pradesh (district-wise) during the last three years under the Million Wells Schemes; and

(b) the steps being taken to boost this programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION) (SHRI VILAS BABURAO MUTTEMWAR): (a) District-wise information on wells constructed under Million Wells Scheme is not maintained at the Central level. The number of Well constructed in Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra under the scheme during the last three years is as under:

Year	Andhra Pradesh	Maharashtra
1992-93	114571	6739
1993-94	15581	5284
1994-95	17498	6322

(b) Prior to 1.1.1996, the Million Wells Scheme was implemented as a sub-scheme of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana. A certain proportion of funds under JRY was earmarked for Million Wells Scheme. To boost the implementation of the scheme, the Government has taken a decision to restructure and streamline the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana. As a result, from 1.1.1996, the MWS has been delinked from JRY and made an independent scheme.

Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas

446. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds released for DWACRA for a Andhra Pradesh in 1995-96;

(b) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has asked for more funds for DWACRA programme;

(c) if so, the details of the demand; and

(d) the reaction of Government to the demand of Andhra Pradesh for release of further funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION) (SHRI VILAS BABURAO MUTTEMWAR): (a) Andhra Pradesh was allocated a sum of Rs. 431.25 lakhs by way of Central & UNICEF assistance for formation of 2875 DWCRA groups during 1995-96 The entire allocation has been released.

(b) to (d) Subsequently, the State Government requested for fund for taking up 25,000 additional groups during the current year. As against this, Rs. 7.50 crores has been released for taking up 5000 additional groups.

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447. **श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल:** क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) "राष्ट्रीय अल्पसंख्यक वित्त निगम" को वर्ष 1995-96 के लिए कितनी धनराशि प्रदान की गई है;